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SUBJECT: US VISIT OF WILLIAM WOLFE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SCOTTISH
NATIONAL PARTY (SNP)

WILLIAM WOLFE, DEDICATED CHAIRMAN OF THE SNP, WILL BE IN CANADA AND THE U.S. ON A SPEAKING AND BUSINESS VISIT THE END OF MARCH. HE WILL GIVE ADDRESS AT HARVARD, MONDAY, MARCH 24 AND HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EXCHANGING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC VIEWS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AT STATE, PARTICULARLY ON OIL POLICY. HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM MARCH 25 THRU APRIL 2 TO VISIT WASHINGTON.

COMMENT: SNP IS IN ASCENDANT PHASE, HAVING TAKEN 30 PERCENT OF SCOTTISH VOTE IN LAST ELECTION, KNOCKED OUT THE CONSERVATIVES HERE AND UNDERMINED THE LABOUR MAJORITY. WOLFE AND I HAVE AGREED TO DISAGREE TOTALLY ON SNP OIL POLICY, C.F. EDINBURGH'S 021, BUT SINCE SNP IS FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH AUTHORITATIVE VOICES IN DEPARTMENT COULD USEFULLY BE HEARD. SO SHOULD BILLY WOLFE.

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